



MONTHLY REPORT
By
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INTRODUCTION:

The monthly report is a monthly update of the activities of the City of Riverside Community Police Review Commission and gives the staff a chance to pass on information that they feel is important or noteworthy. The information provided in the twelve monthly reports forms the basis for the annual report.

Police Department Open House:

On December 16, 2003, the Police Department held an open house at the Lincoln Street station. The open house was held so the department could show off a number of new items now in service that help it comply with the stipulated judgment between the City and the Attorney General.

On display was one of the video-equipped cars, as well as other cars showing the arsenal of less-than-lethal weapons available to officers.

There was a use of force demonstration and also a demonstration regarding the capabilities of the car-mounted computer system.

Out with the old and in with the new; Year that is:

2003 has come to a close. That means the CPRC is closing its books for last year in preparation of its annual report. Overall citizen complaints were down for the second year in a row.

We hope to have the 2003 Annual Report ready for Council in February.

OUTREACH:

The Executive Director and various commissioners attended five meetings or community events, which included Cops & Clergy, Good Morning Riverside, Downtown Chamber meeting, Riverside County Bar Association, Law & Media Committee, Downtown Partnership, Project Bridge Steering Committee, and Inns of Court meeting.

WORKLOAD:**Cases Received**

Lodged*	Filed/CPRC	Filed/P.D.
1	0	5

* A complaint is considered Lodged when a citizen makes the complaint to the CPRC and is filed when they actually submit the completed complaint form.

Case Dispositions

Cases Reviewed	Inquiries	Administratively Closed **
7	0	0

** Complainants are given 30 days to return the paperwork before a closure letter is sent. The closure letter advises the complainants that the case will be re-opened if they submit the completed paperwork before the 6-month deadline.

Allegations

U/F	Disc/SH	IDF	ISS	FA	FR	DI	CC	MC
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8

U/F = Use of Force, Disc/SH = Discrimination/Sexual Harassment, IDF = Improper Discharge of Firearms, ISS = Illegal Search or Seizure, FA = False Arrest, FR = False Reporting, DI = Death Investigation, CC = Criminal Conduct, MC = Misconduct

Findings

Unfounded	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Sustained	Misconduct Noted
3	4	2	0	0

Referrals

Personnel Complaints	Service Complaints
0	0

Policy Recommendations

There were 3 policy recommendations made by the Commission for the month of December '03.

The Commission recommended that:

- Policy 4.7 be modified to include language governing shooting at a moving vehicle.
- training be established or modified to teach officers to consider the surrounding environment before firing their weapons.
- the Riverside Police Department require the Internal Affairs unit to conform to current policy as written in RPD Policy and Procedures 4.8. C.2.f and produce true independent investigations.